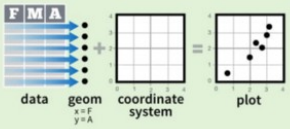
Data Visualization with ggplot2 Cheat Sheet

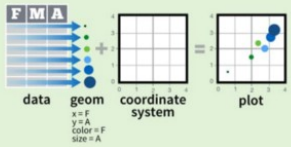
RStudio

Basics

ggplot2 is based on the **grammar of graphics**, the idea that you can build every graph from the same few components: a **data** set, a set of **geoms**—visual marks that represent data points, and a **coordinate system.**



To display data values, map variables in the data set to aesthetic properties of the geom like **size**, **color**, and **x** and **y** locations.



Build a graph with **qplot()** or **ggplot()**

aesthetic mappings · data · geom

qplot(x = cty, y = hwy, color = cyl, data = mpg, geom = "point"**)**

Creates a complete plot with given data, geom, and mappings. Supplies many useful defaults.

ggplot(data = mpg, **aes(**x = cty, y = hwy**))**

Begins a plot that you finish by adding layers to. No defaults, but provides more control than qplot().

data

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ggplot(mpg, aes(hwy, cty)) +
 geom_point(aes(color = cyl)) +
 geom_smooth(method ="lm") +
 coord_cartesian() +
 scale_color_gradient() +
 theme_bw()
```

add layers, elements with +

layer = geom + default stat + layer specific mappings

additional elements

Add a new layer to a plot with a **geom_*()** or **stat_*()** function. Each provides a geom, a set of aesthetic mappings, and a default stat and position adjustment.

last_plot()

Returns the last plot

ggsave("plot.png", width = 5, height = 5)

Saves last plot as 5' x 5' file named "plot.png" in working directory. Matches file type to file extension.

Geoms - Use a geom to represent data points, use the geom's aesthetic properties to represent variables. Each function returns a layer.

One Variable

Continuous

a <- ggplot(mpg, aes(hwy))

a + geom_area(stat = "bin")
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size
b + geom_area(aes(y = ..density..), stat = "bin")

a + geom_density(kernel = "gaussian"**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight
b + geom_density(aes(y = ..county..))

a + geom_dotplot()
x, y, alpha, color, fill

a + geom_freqpoly()
x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size
b + geom_freqpoly(aes(y = ..density..))

a + geom_histogram(binwidth = 5**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight
b + geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..))

Discrete

b <- ggplot(mpg, aes(fl))

b + geom_bar()
x, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

Graphical Primitives

c <- ggplot(map, aes(long, lat))

c + geom_polygon(aes(group = group)**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

d <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))

d + geom_path(lineend="butt", linejoin="round', linemitre=1**)**
x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

d + geom_ribbon(aes(ymin=unemploy - 900, ymax=unemploy + 900)**)**
x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

e <- ggplot(seals, aes(x = long, y = lat))

e + geom_segment(aes(
xend = long + delta_long,
yend = lat + delta_lat)**)**
x, xend, y, yend, alpha, color, linetype, size

e + geom_rect(aes(xmin = long, ymin = lat, xmax= long + delta_long, ymax = lat + delta_lat)**)**
xmax, xmin, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

Two Variables

Continuous X, Continuous Y

f <- ggplot(mpg, aes(cty, hwy))

f + geom_blank()

f + geom_jitter()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size

f + geom_point()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size

f + geom_quantile()
x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size, weight

f + geom_rug(sides = "bl"**)**
alpha, color, linetype, size

f + geom_smooth(model = lm**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

f + geom_text(aes(label = cty)**)**
x, y, label, alpha, angle, color, family, fontface, hjust, lineheight, size, vjust

Discrete X, Continuous Y

g <- ggplot(mpg, aes(class, hwy))

g + geom_bar(stat = "identity")
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

g + geom_boxplot()
lower, middle, upper, x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, shape, size, weight

g + geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center"**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill

g + geom_violin(scale = "area"**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

Discrete X, Discrete Y

h <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(cut, color))

h + geom_jitter()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size

Continuous Bivariate Distribution

i <- ggplot(movies, aes(year, rating))

i + geom_bin2d(binwidth = c(5, 0.5)**)**
xmax, xmin, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

i + geom_density2d()
x, y, alpha, colour, linetype, size

i + geom_hex()
x, y, alpha, colour, fill size

Continuous Function

j <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))

j + geom_area()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

j + geom_line()
x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

j + geom_step(direction = "hv"**)**
x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

Visualizing error

df <- data.frame(grp = c("A", "B"), fit = 4:5, se = 1:2)
k <- ggplot(df, aes(grp, fit, ymin = fit-se, ymax = fit+se))

k + geom_crossbar(fatten = 2**)**
x, y, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

k + geom_errorbar()
x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, linetype, size, width (also **geom_errorbarh()**)

k + geom_linerange()
x, ymin, ymax, alpha, color, linetype, size

k + geom_pointrange()
x, y, ymin, ymax, alpha, color, fill, linetype, shape, size

Maps

data <- data.frame(murder = USArrests$Murder,
state = tolower(rownames(USArrests)))
map <- map_data("state")
l <- ggplot(data, aes(fill = murder))

l + geom_map(aes(map_id = state), map = map**) +**
expand_limits(x = map$long, y = map$lat**)**
map_id, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

Three Variables

seals$z <- with(seals, sqrt(delta_long^2 + delta_lat^2))
m <- ggplot(seals, aes(long, lat))

m + geom_contour(aes(z = z)**)**
x, y, z, alpha, colour, linetype, size, weight

m + geom_raster(aes(fill = z), hjust=0.5, vjust=0.5, interpolate=FALSE**)**
x, y, alpha, fill

m + geom_tile(aes(fill = z)**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size